

HONORING ROY VANDER KALLEN
2001 RECIPIENT OF THE YMCA
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, my congressional district in Riverside, California is extremely fortunate to have a dynamic and dedicated group of community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give of their time and talents to ensure the well-being of our cities and county. These individuals work tirelessly to develop voluntary community action to improve the community's economy, its education, its environment and its overall quality of life. One individual, who is a member of this group, is Roy Vander Kallen.

On the 9th of March, Mr. Vander Kallen will be honored with the Ira. D. "Cal" Calvert Distinguished Service Award by the Corona-Norco Family YMCA. The award is given in memory of my father, "Cal" Calvert, and his innumerable philanthropic gifts to the community and his efforts to encourage others to serve their community in a similar fashion. The award recognizes Roy for his exceptional devotion to developing community volunteerism.

A lieutenant in the Corona Police Department, Roy credits his upbringing and the mentors of his youth for providing an emphasis on community service for his own history of volunteerism. Losing his parents at the young age of twelve, it was through his involvement in sports programs that kept him active in school. His early love of football set the tone for the next 25 years. He was all-CIF in high school, Second Team All American in college and played fifteen years in semipro. He joined the Corona Police Department in 1978.

During regular patrols and through handling many family issues throughout his career, Roy noticed that our community includes numerous low income families. The children of these families found themselves without the financial support necessary to participate in many after school sports and organizations. Seeing a need, Roy, along with Bud Gordon, co-founded the ARC Angel Foundation to address this financial void.

Raising funds through an annual golf tournament, the program is administered by Corona police officers. Word of the foundation has spread throughout the city and it is now called upon to assist with Christmas gifts, food, clothing, funerals, after school programs and computer equipment.

Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank Roy Vander Kallen for his dedication, influence and involvement in our community. He has aided in developing and maintaining community volunteerism in the Corona-Norco area and the Inland Empire. I know that we will continue to benefit from his experience in the 43rd congressional district and deep commitment to the region. It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate Roy on his outstanding career and lifelong devotion to the community.

A TRIBUTE TO WHAT SHALL I
RENDER MINISTRIES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of "What Shall I Render Ministries" and their Pastor, Lucille P. Farrell-Scott, in recognition of their first year of ministering to the Brooklyn community.

"What Shall I render Ministries" was founded on March 1, 2001 with seven members and a mission to nurture families and restore them to wholeness. After only a year, they are fifty-three active members strong and have helped welfare mothers obtain employment by working with those in need on a case-by-case basis. In one instance, the church paid for a nurse's assistants' course and supplied the forms for a mother to become a Nurse's Assistant.

In addition, "What Shall I Render Ministries" established education as a top priority. To demonstrate their commitment, they established a scholarship fund which has already assisted four students with a total of \$9,600 in tuition assistance. They have also worked with other community organizations to hold monthly events. In March of 2001, they celebrated Women's History Month by holding a health and wellness seminar for the community. Over one hundred families received free blood pressure screening and literature on breast cancer, lupus, and high blood pressure. Last May, they joined with Alpha Kappa Sorority Sigma Psi Omega Chapter and contributed 60 shoeboxes filled with school supplies that were sent to the school children in Africa. They celebrated Father's Day in June with a celebration honoring black fathers in our community. In August, school day was celebrated by presenting eight high school students with a \$300 stipend to assist parents with their student's clothing. On September 11, 2001, "What Shall I Render Ministries" opened their hearts and hands with the assistance of Kinko's, on Queens Boulevard, and distributed over 2,000 prayer cards. In October, "What Shall I Render . . ." once again reached out to those in need by contributing \$500 to the Annual Lupus walk which was sponsored by the Philadelphia Church of Universal Brotherhood in Brooklyn. In November, they went into the community with \$300 gift certificates for needy families so that they would be able to have Thanksgiving dinner. During the Christmas holidays, the church sponsored a new clothing and toy drive to help five families in need. In February of this year, they sponsored three events all designed to help the community: a home buying seminar, a stewardship seminar, and a parenting skills workshop.

Mr. Speaker, in one year "What Shall I Render Ministries" and Pastor Lucille P. Farrell-Scott have built an organization of vast accomplishments and commitment to the community. As such, they are more than worthy of receiving this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable addition to the Brooklyn community.

TRIBUTE TO THE FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY LIONS FOR THEIR
NSCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to say a few words about a great accomplishment by a small university in my congressional district—one of the nation's newest universities, as a matter of fact.

Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan, up on the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula, is less than a year old. That age is deceiving, however. Finlandia is actually a new name for Soumi College, a school founded by Finnish immigrants in 1896 to ensure their children would have a better life through advanced education.

One of the qualities of Finnish culture is a respect for the quality of "sisu," translated variously as persistence, determination, drive, or stamina. The Finlandia Lions, the university's basketball team, recently demonstrated the characteristic of sisu by capturing the National Small College Athletic Association national championship in basketball.

The team entered the tourney with a 14-14 record and came up in the first round against St. Mary's College of Ave Maria University, an Orchard Lake, Mich., school. After defeating St. Mary's by a score of 76-50, Finlandia University next faced the tournament's No. 1 seed, Northwest Christian College from Eugene, Ore. In a comeback victory, 69-66, Finlandia won the right to meet Southern Virginia College of Buena Vista, Va., which it defeated 98-84 to take the title.

The Finlandia Lions basketball team was led by second-year coach Art Van Damme and assistant coach Duane Snell. Nine Michigan students and one student from Finland make up the roster of the National Small College Athletic Association championship team. Team members are Nick Forgette and Jacob Polfus of Carney; Jeffrey Stiefel of Capac; Jeremy Suardina of Gwinn; John Abramson, Painesdale; Mark Nolan, Watton, Jon Paul Katona, Negaunee, Pete Flaska, Ishpeming, Bill Loeks, Iron Mountain; Marcus Ylalnén of Helsinki, Finland, and Michael O'Donnell, Negaunee, the tournament MVP.

Mr. Speaker, Finlandia University is the only private university in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and one of only 28 colleges and universities in the U.S. affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In its vision statement, Finlandia University says it is "committed to offering liberal arts based, globally connected, international, ecologically sensitive, spiritually engaged and career focused baccalaureate and associate degree programs as well as community education opportunities."

Clearly, Mr. Speaker, Finlandia is also offering its students an opportunity to cheer for one heck of a basketball team. I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in offering the warmest congratulations to Coach Van Damme and the Finlandia Lions for their success in capturing the NSCAA basketball crown.